

Basic Bush Rules

- Consider weather and likely road conditions
- Respect private land
- Animals have right of way
- Leave gates as you find them
- Reduce speed and dust near homesteads
- All drives are undertaken at your own risk
- Road safety begins and ends with you - please slow down

Notes

If you enjoyed this four wheel drive why not pick up one of the other drives in this series.

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| Drive A | Hampton to Gatton-Esk Road |
| Drive C | Hampton to Gatton via Vinegar Hill |
| Drive D | Hampton to Withcott via Murphys Creek |
| Drive E | Hampton to Blackbutt via Crows Nest, Anduramba, & Nukinenda Station |
| Drive F | Hampton, Crows Nest Falls, North of Cressbrook Dam, Maria Creek, Jones Gully, Hampton |
| Drive G | Hampton, Plainby, Upper Pinelands, Djuan, Crows Nest, Hampton |

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Crows Nest Shire Touring Map
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Soft four wheel driving for the family in and around Crows Nest Shire.

DRIVE B

Hampton, Coppermine Road, Ravensbourne National Park

Return travel time – approx 1 1/2 hours.
Distance Hampton return – 47 km.

The reconnaissance for this drive was undertaken in a Nissan Xtrail soft four wheel drive in early 2005.



Trip Meter	Navigator's Notes	Things of interest to observe
0	Zero your trip metre at the Hampton Visitor Information Centre. Leave the car park and turn right (east) on to Hampton-Esk Rd.	You are 608 m above sea level (1998 ft). The New England Highway forms the Main Divide watershed. Water from the west of the highway flows eventually into the Murray-Darling and from the east into the Brisbane River catchment. Previously a dairying and hardwood timber getting region, e.g. Tallowood, Blue Gum, Cedar, Blackbutt. Now mixed farming including horticulture.
6.1	Turn right at Perseverance Hall onto Perseverance Hall Rd.	
7.8	Bitumen road ends. Do not veer left onto Mt Kynoch Rd.	Netted persimmon (fuji fruit) trees and avocado trees on left.
8.8	Turn right on to road marked "To Coppermine Rd".	Extensive views to southeast between here and the start of Coppermine Rd.
		Alternative: Stay on top of the range by following Palmtree Rd as far as Humberdross Rd then follow directions set out below on this pamphlet.
10.1	Veer left onto Coppermine Rd.	Link: E6 Bird Trail (see Bird Trail Pamphlet). Palmtree Rd is a no through road. The historic Munro's Tramway which used to haul logs to Hampton can still be identified along this road. Grassy, mixed eucalypt woodland with forest she-oak and lantana. Red/yellow clay patches may be slippery, take care.
11.9	Steep descent begins, choose lowest gear.	
13.0	Steep descent ends.	Mixed wet and dry sclerophyll forest with ironbarks, brush box and varied understorey with many acacias.
14.5	Road widens	
16.1	End of Coppermine/Kunkels Rd. Turn left at T junction with White Mountain Rd.	Alternative: Turn right. At 16.5 km junction with Collingwood Rd turn right to Hampton (9.3 km), or left to Murph's Creek (6 km).
	Continue slow climb along White Mountain Rd which changes to Humberdross Rd.	
21.5	Steep grade starts	
21.8	Steep grade ends	Deeply dissected sandstone scenery. Climb onto basalt surface and red soils.
23.3	Junction of Humberdross Rd with Palmtree Rd. Turn right. Ignore Pederson Rd and Shum Rd turn-offs.	Alternative: Turn left and follow Palmtree Rd to the Coppermine Rd exit. Keep going back to Perseverance Hall and Hampton.
25.8	Intersection. Veer left onto National Park Rd.	Splendid views dairying, grazing and forest. Distant views of Toowoomba and Withcott Seedlings (white roofs). Stunning scenery. Palms in gullies.
28.3	Don't take Kynoch Rd on left.	Extensive views of Great Dividing Range and pine forests to north and west.
29.7	Turn right down National Park Rd marked "Dry weather road only". Heed warning!	Beautiful forest track of mature regrowth rainforest with mixed hardwoods, lantana understorey and good bird places, if you're quiet.
		Alternative: If road is soggy, keep going to bitumen, turn right and right again at National Park sign and travel to Buetel's Lookout.
31.5	Beutel's Lookout and Ravensbourne National Park. Proceed down hill to Hampton-Esk Rd. Turn left to return to Hampton 15 km away.	Great lunch spot and 20 minute rainforest walk with some interpretive signs. Toilets and barbecues. A real gem with extensive views over Lockyer and Brisbane Valleys.
	End.	